

EINA Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 6:00 PM
Grace-Trinity Community Church and via Zoom
1430 W 28th Street
MINUTES

Board members present: Julia Edelman, Quinton Courts (Secretary), Brian Milavitz (Treasurer), Jonathan Beck, Ellen Van Iwaarden, Dan Sutton, Mark Greene, Cuyler Dinegan (Coordinator)

Board members absent: Mike Erlandson (President), Debra Altschuler, VP position (VACANT)

Guests present: Lisa Goodman (Minneapolis City Council), Lisa Revou, Donna Johnson, Brian Lambert, Paula Chesley, Roger Clark

- I. Call to Order (Brian) 6:10 PM
- II. Council Member Lisa Goodman
 - a. Lunch with Lisa is October 25th at UST downtown and the last one is November 15th and Lisa will be the speaker.
 - b. Fall street sweeping is Tuesday, November 17th and it lasts 5 weeks. Trucks need to be converted to plows.
 - c. 2201 E Lake of the Isles Pkwy were approved for two variances.
 - d. 2737 is paid up per Hennepin County and it went back to the owners.
 - e. Early voting has started.
 - f. Drink tap water! Minneapolis just won a recent water quality/tasting competition for the entire state.
- III. YWCA Update (Lisa and Brian)
 - a. Meeting held with Lisa Goodman two weeks ago with the YWCA Executive Director, President Erlandson, and neighbors from Kenwood Isles. They provided background regarding finances and lost money (mainly the pool), staffing, etc. YWCAs are moving out of the fitness business. Some entities have expressed interest in the site, but the future use is TBD. Concern was expressed by neighbors and EINA that the facility be secured after it closes so that it does not become a hotbed for crime, squatters, etc. They should be attending our November board meeting. Council member Goodman suggests we form a neighborhood group to advocate for the future use of the property.
 - i. Mark said there are potentially groups interested in keeping it as a fitness facility.
- IV. Open Community Forum
 - a. Brian (neighbor) received a letter regarding the Hennepin Ave S Reconstruction and it is a virtual meeting. There are concerns about it not being in person. It appears the meeting is for information only and not a forum for feedback to Public Works.
 - b. Question about the Uptown equivalent of the Downtown Council.
 - i. South Hennepin Special Services District supports 28th and south.

- ii. Uptown Association has been through some changes. Stu Ackerberg is our neighbor in East Isles and we can ask him how we can support him and Uptown.
 - iii. EINA has supported our side of Hennepin with cameras, trash pickup, and supporting businesses in our safety walks.
 - c. Question about who owns new apartment complexes that have been built in the last decade.
 - i. Most owners are not local.
- V. Consent Agenda
 - a. Financials (Brian) were approved unanimously.
 - b. Minutes (Quinton) were approved unanimously.
- VI. Coordinator Update (Cuyler)
 - a. We've co-sponsored the Ward 7 City Council Candidate Forum, hosted by the League of Women Voters this Thursday, Oct. 12, 7–8:30pm, at LOTI Lutheran Church. We have the 1-year anniversary of the Safety Walking Club on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 5:30–7pm—new 5th Precinct Insp. Christie Nelson and Lt. Chuck McCree will join us to start the walk at Joanne Levin Triangle Park. After that, we're doing a joint Greenway Cleanup Saturday, Nov. 18, 10–11:30am. Beyond that, the Winter Skating Party is our next big event, set for Sunday, Jan. 7, 2–5pm.
 - b. Regarding development, we've finalized a donation letter focused on our green efforts this year, which will go out closer to the holidays. We'll also be messaging 'Donate to East Isles on Give to the Max Day' soon, which falls Thursday, Nov. 16. Our joint application with East Bde Maka Ska for the City's Collaboration & Shared Resources Fund has been authorized!
- VII. Committee and Working Group Updates
 - a. Community Safety Committee (Julia)
 - i. Anniversary safety walk on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 5:30–7pm
 - Sheriff Whitt was asked to join.
 - Motion to reallocate funds previously approved (up to \$500) for the Safety Walk anniversary to be used instead to fund a joint meal with Lowy Hill Neighborhood Association for MPD officers working on Thanksgiving. Motion approved unanimously.
 - ii. At least 4 cameras are up and running in the interior of the neighborhood and are connected to MPD's network.
 - b. Green Team (Ellen)
 - i. Super Sale had 117 sales (most ever!) and East Isles was the winner for the most sales. Humboldt Avenue was the winner with the most locations selling. EINA made a small profit (\$224) and our hope is that the event will be self-sufficient in the future.
 - ii. Lake cleanup teamed up with the safety walking club to clean along The Mall and Hennepin Avenue. We have around 70 people on our cleanup list.
 - iii. EINA adopted a portion of The Greenway and we have to do two cleanups every year and this pickup day is November 18. We will meet under Hennepin Avenue on The Greenway with neighbors from The Wedge and we'll have some warm refreshments and live music.

- iv. MPRB has agreed to install our trash collection system called a boom (discovered by Henry LaBounta) next summer if EINA purchases it.
 - v. Elizabeth Shaffer is having a meeting November 2 at the Kenwood Rec Center with the MPRB Forestry department about how to water all the new trees that have been planted.
 - vi. We received even more sponsors for the MWMO grant!
 - vii. Henry LaBounta is receiving an award tomorrow from Upstream Minnesota for his environmental work.
 - c. Built Environment (Mark)
 - i. Monday, Oct. 23 at 6PM is the next meeting.
 - d. Farmers Market (Dan/Jonathan)
 - i. Cuyler helped connect EINA to Propel nonprofit and a meeting is scheduled.
 - ii. Uptown Association has been in attendance for the collaborative meetings.
- VIII. New Biz / Old Biz (All)
 - a. Shanti Mitra resigned and we have a board vacancy, including the position of Vice President.
 - i. Motion by affirmation to appoint Paula Chesley to serve out the remainder of Shanti Mitra's term. Approved unanimously.
 - ii. Motion by affirmation to appoint Ellen Van Iwaarden to serve as Vice President of EINA board. Approved unanimously.
 - b. David Hewitt is the Director of Housing Stability with Hennepin County and we would like to invite him to a meeting.
- IX. Adjourn at 7:49 PM.